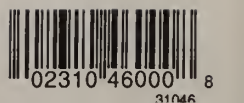
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RESEARCH OUTLINE

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This outline describes major sources of information about families from Georgia. As you read this outline, study the *United States Research Outline* (30972), which will help you understand terminology and the contents and uses of genealogical records.

RECORDS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY™

The Family History Library has many of the records listed in this outline. The major holdings include county records such as deeds, wills, marriage, and court records for 133 of the 159 counties. The Family History Library has some Georgia church records.

Some of the sources described in this outline list the Family History Library's book, microfilm, and microfiche numbers. These are preceded by *FHL,* the abbreviation for *Family History Library*. You can use these numbers to locate materials in the library and to order microfilm and microfiche at Family History Centers™.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG™

The library's records are listed in the Family History Library Catalog™ found at the Family History Library and at each Family History Center™. To find a record, look in the locality search of the Family History Library Catalog for:

- The *place* where your ancestor lived, such as:

  UNITED STATES - CENSUS
  GEORGIA - GENEALOGY
  GEORGIA, RICHMOND - PROBATE RECORDS
  GEORGIA, RICHMOND, AUGUSTA - HISTORY

- The *record type* you want to search, such as:

  UNITED STATES - ***CENSUS***
  GEORGIA - ***GENEALOGY***
  GEORGIA, RICHMOND - ***PROBATE RECORDS***
  GEORGIA, RICHMOND, AUGUSTA - ***HISTORY***

The section headings in this outline match the names of record types used in the Family History Library Catalog.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

The following archives, libraries, and societies have major collections or services helpful to genealogical researchers:

- Georgia Department of Archives and History
  330 Capitol Avenue, S.E.
  Atlanta, GA 30334

  Two helpful guides to the collection are:

  Georgia Department of Archives and History. *A Preliminary Guide to Eighteenth-Century Records Held by the Georgia Department of Archives and History*. Atlanta: The Department, 1976. (FHL book 975.8 A3pg; fiche 6100334.)

  Davis, Robert Scott, Jr. *Research in Georgia.* Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1981. (FHL book 975.8 D27d.)

- National Archives—Southeast Region (Atlanta)
  1557 St. Joseph Avenue
  East Point, GA 30344

- Georgia Genealogical Society
  P.O. Box 38066
  Atlanta, GA 30334

- Georgia Historical Society Library
  501 Whitaker Street
  Savannah, GA 31499

- Washington Memorial Library
  Middle Georgia Regional Library
  1180 Washington Avenue
  Macon, GA 31201

- John E. Ladson Jr. Genealogical and Historical Library
  119 Church Street
  Vidalia, GA 30474

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To learn more about the history and record-keeping systems of Georgia counties, use the nine inventories of the county archives published by the Historical Records Survey around 1940. Eight of these inventories are available at the Family History Library.

Computer Networks and Bulletin Boards

Computers with modems can be useful tools for obtaining information from selected archives and

libraries. In a way, computer networks themselves serve as a library. The Internet, certain computer bulletin boards, and commercial on-line services help family history researchers:

- Locate other researchers
- Post queries
- Send and receive e-mail
- Search large databases
- Search computer libraries
- Join in computer chat and lecture sessions

You can find computerized research tips and information about ancestors from Georgia in a variety of sources at local, state, national, and international levels. The list of sources is growing rapidly. Most of the information is available at no cost.

Addresses on the Internet change frequently. As of April 1997, the following sites are important gateways linking you to many more network and bulletin board sites:

- USGenWeb
  http://www.usgenweb.com/
  A cooperative effort by many volunteers to list genealogical databases, libraries, bulletin boards, and other resources available on the Internet for each county, state, and country.
- Roots-L
  http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/usa/
  A useful list of sites and resources. Includes a large, regularly updated research coordination list.

FamilySearch®

For further details about using computer networks, bulletin boards, and news groups for family history research, see the *United States Research Outline* (30972), 2nd ed., "Archives and Libraries" section.

The Family History Library and some Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch®. FamilySearch is a collection of computer files containing several million names. FamilySearch is a good place to begin your research. Some of the records come from compiled sources; some have been automated from original sources.

Computers with FamilySearch do *not* have access to computer on-line services, networks, or bulletin boards. However, those services are available at many public libraries, college libraries, and private locations.

BIBLE RECORDS

The Georgia Department of Archives and History has many volumes of Bible records that have been collected by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Those that were transcribed from 1938 to 1948 are at the Family History Library (FHL films 006975-84). Additional DAR Bible records for Georgia were filmed at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and are at the Family History Library (FHL films 848574-75). More Bible transcripts are found in the DAR collection mentioned in the "Genealogy" section of this outline. Some of these DAR records are indexed in E. Kay Kirkham, *An Index to Some of the Family Records of the Southern States.* (Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1979; FHL book Ref 973 D22kk vol. 1; fiche 6089183).

Another collection of original Bible records at the Georgia Department of Archives and History was microfilmed in 1959 and is at the Family History Library (FHL films 204483-88). Many additional Bible records for the counties of Washington, Lee, and Bulloch are also available at the Georgia Department of Archives and History and at the Family History Library.

An important published book of Bible transcripts is Jeannette Holland Austin, *Georgia Bible Records* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985; FHL book 975.8 D2a).

BIOGRAPHY

A large collection of early twentieth-century biographical questionnaires was microfilmed at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The set is arranged alphabetically and is at the Family History Library (FHL films 288169-83). This collection primarily includes biographies of prominent Georgians. The collection is indexed in the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 20 (1984): 141-169, 199-234 (see the "Periodicals" section of this outline).

Statewide, regional, and county histories often have biographical sections. The Family History Library also has biographical collections of politicians, lawyers, colonial clergymen, and other notable citizens. Two representative biographical encyclopedias are:

Northen, William J. *Men of Mark in Georgia.* 7 vols. 1907-12. Reprint, Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Co., 1974. (FHL book 975.8 D3n; films 962882-85.)

Knight, Lucian Lamar. *A Standard History of Georgia and Georgians.* 6 vols. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1917. (FHL book 975.8 H2k; films 1425701-02.) Volumes 4-6 are biographical.

CEMETERIES

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) collection contains tombstone inscriptions from Georgia cemeteries. This is described in the "Genealogy" section of this outline. Another important collection is *Cemetery Records of Georgia,* 16 vols. (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1946-52; FHL book 975.8 V22c; films 873725-28; fiche 6046960).

Many tombstone inscriptions have been published in the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* and in other journals described in the "Periodicals" section. Burial lists for Union and Confederate soldiers have also been published.

To locate additional records, see Ted O. Brooke, *Georgia Cemetery Directory and Bibliography of Georgia Cemetery Reference Sources* (Marietta, Ga.: T.O. Brooke, 1985; FHL book 975.8823 V33br).

CENSUS

Federal

Many federal census records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal archives. The *United States Research Outline* provides detailed information on these records.

The Family History Library has the U.S. federal censuses of Georgia from 1820 to 1920. The 1790, 1800, and 1810 censuses have been lost, and there is no 1820 report for the counties of Franklin, Rabun, and Twiggs, and part of Columbia. The 1890 census was destroyed, except for some returns for the city of Columbus.

In addition to published tax lists, some substitutes for the early missing censuses include:

Coulter, E. Merton, and Albert B. Saye. *A List of the Early Settlers of Georgia.* Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia Press, 1949. (FHL book 975.8 W2L; film 007092.) This is for the period 1733 to 1747. It is updated by the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* 19 (1983): 111-131. (FHL book 975.8 B2ga.)

De Lamar, Marie, and Elizabeth Rothstein. *The Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia.* 1976. Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985. (FHL book 975.8 X2L.)

Wood, Virginia S., and Ralph V. Wood. *1805 Georgia Land Lottery.* Cambridge, Mass.: The Greenwood Press, 1964. (FHL book 975.8 R21w.)

Printed and microfiche statewide census indexes are available at the Family History Library for the 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 censuses. Microfilm soundex (phonetic) indexes exist for the 1880 (partial index), 1900, and 1910 censuses. The 1910 index is in two parts. The first part indexes the cities of Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, and Savannah, and the second indexes the remainder of the state.

Mortality schedules exist for 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. Copies of the schedules (FHL films 422413-18) and indexes are at the Family History Library.

State

State censuses taken in various years from 1786 to 1890 have survived for a few Georgia counties. These are at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. Some county censuses for the years 1827 to 1890 are also at the Family History Library.

Most of the available state censuses are indexed in:

Townsend, Brigid S. *Indexes to Seven State Census Reports for Counties in Georgia, 1838-1845.* Atlanta: R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation, 1975. (FHL book 975.8 X2pt.)

Censuses for Georgia Counties: Taliferro 1827, Lumpkin 1838, Chatham 1845. Atlanta: R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation, 1979. (FHL book 975.8 X2c.)

CHURCH RECORDS

Before 1900 the largest religious groups in Georgia were the Baptists and Methodists. The largest collection of Georgia church records can be found at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The archives borrowed pre-1940 church records from many local congregations and preserved them on microfilm. The collection is continually growing but is not complete.

The Family History Library has some Georgia church records, including records for Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian congregations. Most are from the Georgia Department of Archives and History. You may also want to use the library's histories of the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and others.

Many denominations have collected their records into central repositories. You can write to the following addresses to learn where their records are located.

Baptist

Georgia Baptist Historical Collection
Eugene W. Stetson Memorial Library
Mercer University
Macon, Ga 31207

The Family History Library has microfilmed some research materials at Mercer University. For

example, FHL film 204489 includes ten histories of various Baptist associations. There are also histories and inventories such as the following:

Inventory of the Church Archives of Georgia: Atlanta Association of Baptist Churches. Atlanta: Georgia Historical Records Survey, 1941. (FHL book 975.8 K2hb; film 1425645 item 3.)

Campbell, Jesse H. *Georgia Baptists: Historical and Biographical.* Macon, Ga: J.W. Burke & Co., 1874. (FHL book 975.8 K2c; film 1033617 item 3; 1847 edition on film 206288 item 2.)

History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia. Atlanta: J.P. Harrison & Co., 1881. (FHL film 896565.)

Methodist

United Methodist Museum
P.O. Box 408
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

For a history of the Methodist Church, see Harold Lawrence, *Methodist Preachers in Georgia 1783-1900* (Tignall, Ga.: Boyd Pub., 1984; FHL book 975.8 K2L).

Roman Catholic

Archdiocese of Atlanta
680 W. Peachtree St. N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30308

Archdiocese of Savannah
P.O. Box 8789
Savannah, GA 31412

COURT RECORDS

The earliest colonial court records were kept by the Common Council in England and the governor and council in Georgia. Later Georgia court records were kept by the General Court of Pleas and the Court of Quarter Sessions. None of these records exists today.

After the colonial period, Georgia courts that kept records of genealogical value were established as follows:

1777-pres. ***Superior courts.*** These county courts kept records of divorce, civil and criminal cases, naturalization, military discharges, homesteads, slaves, and prisons. The Family History Library has superior court records, especially minutes, from the 1790s to the early 1900s. From Fulton County, for example, the library has 48 microfilms for 1854 to 1901.

1777-pres. ***Courts of ordinary.*** These county courts kept records of probates from 1777 to 1798 and again after 1852. Other records kept by the court include homesteads, land warrants, licenses, indentures, paupers registers, voting registers, and marriage records. The Family History Library has many of the existing court of ordinary records, especially minutes and indexes, from 1800 to the 1900s.

1790-pres. ***U.S. Circuit Court, District of Georgia.*** The minutes of this federal court, 1790-1842, with an index to 1860, are available at the Family History Library (FHL films 1405275-77).

1798-pres. ***Inferior courts.*** These county courts had jurisdiction over probates from 1798 to 1852, civil matters (except for divorce and equity cases), and minor criminal offenses. The Family History Library has most inferior court minutes from the 1790s to the 1860s.

DIRECTORIES

Directories of heads of households have been published for major cities in Georgia. For example, the Family History Library has the following directories:

- Atlanta
  1859-1860 . . . . . FHL fiche 6043557
  1867-1935 . . . . . FHL film 1376512—
- Columbus
  1859-60, 1903-1934 . FHL fiche 6043828;
  films 1759663-66
- Savannah
  1848-1860 . . . . . FHL fiche 6044484-88
  1866-1934 . . . . . FHL film 1377450—

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

People

Colonial settlers of Georgia generally came from the Carolinas, from Virginia, or directly from England and Scotland. The first large group of immigrants came from the British Isles to the Savannah area with James Oglethorpe in 1733.

The total nonnative population of Georgia in 1752 has been estimated at 5,000. Small groups of Protestants from German- and French-speaking areas of Europe were in Georgia by that date, including Moravians and Swiss. The most important of these groups were the 1,500 Salzburgers who had settled

at Ebenezer in present-day Effingham County beginning in 1734.

An important group of 350 Puritans from South Carolina, accompanied by 1,500 blacks, arrived in Georgia beginning in 1752. They first settled in the Midway District. Their ancestors had previously settled the towns of Dorchester in both Massachusetts and South Carolina. In 1758 these Puritans established the seacoast town of Sunbury.

Between 1802 and 1820 thousands of Americans moved to Georgia seeking free or inexpensive land. The Creek and Cherokee Indians were removed from the state before 1840.

Records

The Family History Library and the National Archives have passenger lists for Savannah for portions of the years 1820 to 1826, 1831, 1847 to 1851, and 1866 to 1867 (FHL film 830246).

Lists of arrivals in Georgia and other southern ports beginning in 1890 are also available at the National Archives. The Family History Library has an index to these lists for 1890 to 1924 (FHL films 1324938-63). These are in the *Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Miscellaneous Ports in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, 1890-1924* listed in the Family History Library Catalog under UNITED STATES - EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION - INDEXES.

The library also has Savannah lists for 1906 to 1945 (FHL films 1375955 and 1414793-95).

More detailed information on federal immigration sources is in the *United States Research Outline.*

Records about many families who passed through Georgia on their way west are in Mary Bryan, *Passports Issued by Georgia Governors, 1785-1809,* and *1810-1820,* 2 vols. (Washington, D.C.: National Genealogical Society, 1959, 1964; FHL book 975.8 P4b; FHL films 844966 and 1033943 item 12).

Records of ethnic groups including Indians, Quakers, and Salzburgers are listed in the locality search of the Family History Library Catalog under the subject heading GEORGIA - MINORITIES.

GAZETTEERS

Several guides to places in Georgia have been published, including:

Hemperley, Marion R. *Cities, Towns, and Communities of Georgia Between 1847-1962.* Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1980. (FHL book 975.8 E2h.)

Krakow, Kenneth K. *Georgia Place-Names.* Macon, Ga.: Winship Press, 1975. (FHL book 975.8 E2k.)

Sherwood, Adiel. *A Gazetteer of the State of Georgia.* 1827. Reprint, Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1939. (FHL book 975.8 E5s; film 928236 item 8; 1829 edition on film 164709.)

GENEALOGY

Most archives, historical societies, and genealogical societies have special collections and indexes of genealogical value. These must usually be searched in person. Two outstanding manuscript collections of compiled genealogies are:

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Genealogical Collection. This collection consists of transcripts of Bible records, cemetery records, church records, marriages, deaths, obituaries, and wills. It was microfilmed in 1970 and 1971 at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and is available on 36 films at the Family History Library (FHL films 848243 item 5—). A smaller collection was filmed in 1938-1957 at Atlanta (FHL films 006986-88). A third collection of alphabetically arranged compiled genealogies was filmed at Atlanta in 1962 (FHL films 288404-05 and 288184-91).

The Leon S. Hollingsworth Genealogical Card File. This 45,000-card file indexes Georgia censuses, wills, deeds, tax records, marriages, military records, cemetery records, newspapers, and family Bibles. It was microfilmed at the R.J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation in Atlanta and is now at the Georgia Department of Archives and History and the Family History Library. This collection is listed in the Family History Library Catalog under UNITED STATES - GENEALOGY (FHL films 1528052—). A list of the surnames mentioned in the collection and the number of cards for each name is *Leon S. Hollingsworth Genealogical Card File: An Introduction and Inventory* (Atlanta: R.J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation, 1979; FHL book 975 D2L).

Some major published genealogical collections for Georgia include:

Huxford, Folks. *Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia.* 9 vols. Homerville, Ga.: F. Huxford, 1951-93. (FHL book 975.8 D3h.)

Austin, Jeannette Holland. *The Georgians: Genealogies of Pioneer Settlers.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984. (FHL book 975.8 D2ag.)

Gnann, Pearl R. *Georgia Salzburger and Allied Families.* Revised. [Savannah: Mrs. C. LeBey and Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1970.] (FHL book 975.8 D2g 1970.)

Early legislative minutes, petitions, papers of governors, sales of confiscated loyalist estates, assembly and council of safety journals, and executive council minutes are in:

Candler, Allen D. *The Revolutionary Records of the State of Georgia.* 3 vols. Atlanta, Ga.: The Franklin-Turner Co., 1908. (FHL book 975.8 N2c.) Vol. 2 on film 962538. This has records from 1777-84 and is indexed.

Candler, Allen D., et al. *The Colonial Records of the State of Georgia, 1732-1784.* 32 vols. Atlanta, Ga.: State Printers, 1904-89. (FHL book 975.8 N2g; vols. 1-26 on films 944117-27.) This has records of the Governor and Council, House of Assembly, correspondence, etc. There are every-name indexes beginning with volume four.

HISTORY

The following important events in the history of Georgia affected political boundaries, record-keeping, and family movements.

1732 King George II of England granted a charter for the colony of Georgia as a place of refuge.

1733 James Oglethorpe founded the city of Savannah.

1734 German-speaking Salzburgers began to settle at Ebenezer, in present-day Effingham County.

1752 The charter was surrendered and Georgia became a crown colony.

1788 Georgia became a state.

1802 Georgia relinquished its claims to lands west of the Chatahoochee River. These lands became part of Mississippi and Alabama.

1784-1820 Thousands of Americans moved to Georgia seeking inexpensive land. The first land lottery was held in 1805.

1861 Georgia seceded from the Union. It was readmitted in 1870.

A detailed history of Georgia's counties and early settlers is in George Gillman Smith, *The Story of Georgia and the Georgia People, 1732-1860,* 2d ed. 1901, Macon, Ga: G.G. Smith, 1901; FHL book 975.8 H2sg; film 908502).

References to additional historical materials are found in:

Dorsey, James E. *Georgia Genealogy and Local History: A Bibliography.* Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Co., 1983. (FHL book 975.8 D23d.)

Simpson, John Eddins. *Georgia History: A Bibliography.* Metuchen, N.J.: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 1976. (FHL book 975.8 H23s.)

LAND AND PROPERTY

Colonial and State Records

From 1732 to 1755 the area that is now Georgia was a trusteeship in which land was allotted to males and their heirs. After 1755 lands were granted without restrictions. Land transfers before 1777 were generally recorded in Savannah, and many early land grants have been transcribed and published. One source for these records is Pat Bryant, *Entry of Claims for Georgia Landholders, 1733-1755* (Atlanta: State Printing Office, 1975; FHL book 975.8 R2br).

Georgia was a state-land state in which land was distributed first by the governor and then through land courts established from 1783 to 1909. From 1756 land was distributed in the eastern quarter by headright and bounty grants. The grants usually do not give residences, family names, or military information. Not all bounties were for military service. These records are listed in *Index to the Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia 1756-1909* (Vidalia, Ga.: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1970; FHL book 975.8 R2i).

The Family History Library and the Georgia Surveyor General Department at the Georgia Department of Archives and History have original land grants on microfilm. The records at the Family History Library include books of conveyances (1750-1802), mortgages (1755-1822), fiats for grants (1755-76), and bonds, sales, and gift records (1755-1829).

The parts of Georgia that are now Alabama and Mississippi were ceded in 1802. The remaining northern and western areas of present-day Georgia were surveyed and given away by lotteries in 1805, 1807, 1820, 1821, 1827, and 1832. The lottery lists have been published in several sources, such as:

Virginia S. and Ralph V. Wood, *The 1805 Georgia Land Lottery* (Cambridge: The Greenwood Press, 1964; FHL book 975.8 R21w). This lists the names of all registrants, while the other lotteries list only those who received land.

Also see Robert Scott Davis, Jr., and Rev. Silas E. Lucas, *The Georgia Land Lottery Papers, 1805-1914: Genealogical Data.* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1979; FHL book 975.8 R2d). This includes a map showing which counties were formed in each of the lotteries.

An alphabetical index to Georgia land grant records, 1767-1908, in the Surveyor General Department is on FHL films 465173-84. The Family History Library also has the following records for Georgia:

- Headrights and land grants, 1756 to 1860s (61 films)
- Land lottery records, 1806 to 1870 (37 films)
- Land lottery surveys (24 films)
- Headright surveys (19 films)
- Reverted lottery records, 1815 to 1872 (9 films). These are records of lots which reverted to the state because the lottery receiver did not claim them.

For further details on state land records, see Marion R. Hemperley, *The Georgia Surveyor General Department: A History and Inventory of Georgia's Land Office* (Atlanta: State Printing Office, 1982; FHL book 975.8 R2hg).

County Records

After original title to the land was granted, subsequent transactions, including deeds and mortgages, were recorded by the county, usually by the clerk of the superior court. You can obtain copies by writing to the clerk.

The Family History Library has copies of the county deeds and mortgages, dating from the creation of each county to 1900 or 1920, on microfilm for most counties. The Family History Library also has homestead records from the 1860s to the 1920s. For example, the library has 150 microfilms for Chatham County of deeds, deed indexes, homestead records, mortgages, lottery lists, oyster leases, and pony homestead records.

MAPS

The largest collection of maps for Georgia is found at the Georgia Surveyor General office at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. For information about this collection see:

Blake, Janice Gayle. *Pre-Nineteenth Century Maps in the Collection of the Georgia Surveyor General Department.* Atlanta: Surveyor General Department, 1976.

Johnsen, Margaret A. *Nineteenth Century Maps in the Collection of the Georgia Surveyor General Department.* Atlanta: Surveyor General Department, 1981.

The Family History Library has a series of modern maps from the Surveyor General office (FHL films 465171-2), a few colonial maps, and city ward maps for Atlanta in 1888 (FHL film 1377700). Also see James C. Bonner, *Atlas for Georgia History* (Milledgeville, Ga.: Georgia College Duplicating Department, 1969; FHL book 975.8 E7b).

Maps that show county formation are found in Pat Bryant, *Georgia Counties: Their Changing Boundaries,* 2d ed., revised by Ingrid Shields (Atlanta: State Printing Office, 1983; FHL book 975.8 E3b).

Modern city, county, and state maps can be purchased from:

Map Room
Georgia Department of Transportation
Two Capitol Square
Atlanta, GA 30334
Telephone: 404-656-5336

MILITARY RECORDS

The *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) provides more information on federal military records and search strategies.

Many military records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal archives. The *United States Research Outline* provides more information on federal records. Additional military records are at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The following sources are also very helpful.

Miscellaneous Wars

Lists of soldiers who served in Georgia military units include:

Georgia Secretary of State. *Georgia Military Records, 1779-1842.* 9 vols. [N.p.], 1940. (FHL films 007031-35.) Includes muster and pay lists.

Georgia Adjutant Generals Office. *Military Records, 1782-1899.* 6 vols. [N.p.], 1957? (FHL films 159015-17.)] Includes payrolls, muster rolls, and lists of commissioned officers.

Clark, Murtie June. *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983. (FHL book 975 M29c.)

Georgia Executive Department. *Military Commissions in the State Militia, 1798-1860.* (FHL films 158997-014.)

Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

There are several published volumes of service records, bounty land certificates, and muster rolls. These include:

Davis, Robert S., Jr. *Georgia Citizens and Soldiers of the American Revolution.* Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1979. (FHL book 975.8 H2dr.) This is listed in the Family History Library Catalog under GEORGIA - HISTORY.

Hemperley, Marion R. *Military Certificates of Georgia, 1776-1800.* Atlanta: State Printing Office, 1983. (FHL book 975.8 M2hm.)

Revolutionary Soldier's Receipts for Georgia Bounty Grants. Atlanta: Foote and Davies Co., 1928. (FHL film 163524.)

Helpful but undocumented lists are:

Knight, Lucian Lamar. *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution.* 1920. Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967. (FHL book 975.8 M23k; film 547588; fiche 6050221.)

McCall, Ettie Tidwell H. *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia.* 3 vols. 1941. Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968. (FHL book 975.8 M23m.)

Indian Wars (1836-1838)

An Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served during the Cherokee Disturbances and Removal, 1836 to 1838, is on FHL film 1205402. The compiled military service records for this index have not been microfilmed and are available only at the National Archives.

Civil War (1861-1865)

Soldiers from Georgia served in both the Union and the Confederate Armies. Indexes and the compiled military service records are available at the Family History Library and the National Archives.

Georgia pension records and an index for Confederate veterans are arranged by counties and are at the Family History Library on 634 films. (FHL films 315678—.) The original documents and an index are at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. Pension records for Union veterans are available at the National Archives.

A published roster of Georgia Confederate soldiers who served in the infantry is Lillian Hendersen, comp., *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia, 1861-65,* 6 vols. (Hapeville, Ga.: Longino & Porter, Inc., 1960-64; FHL book 975.8 M22h; films 1033660 items 3-4, —622; fiche 6082336).

A national cemetery in Sumter County is the burial place of over 12,000 Union soldiers who died while prisoners at Andersonville, Georgia. A published cemetery list is United States Quartermaster's Department, *Roll of Honor,* vol. 3. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1866; FHL book 973 B4 v.3; film 908229 item 2).

Spanish-American War (1898)

A list of soldiers who served in this war is Carlton J. Thaxton, et. al., *A Roster of Spanish American Soldiers from Georgia* (Americus, Ga.: Thaxton Company, 1984; FHL book 975.8 M2th).

World Wars I and II

The Family History Library has many military discharge papers on microfilm dating from 1917 to 1960. These are listed in the Family History Library Catalog under GEORGIA, [COUNTY] - MILITARY RECORDS. Photographs and service records of men who served in World War I are in Bert E. Boss, *The Georgia State Memorial Book* (N.p.: 1921; FHL film 175271).

World War I (1917-1918)

World War I draft registration cards for men age 18 to 45 may list address, birth date, birthplace, race, nationality, citizenship, and next of kin. Not all registrants served in the war. For registration cards for Georgia, see:

United States. Selective Service System. Georgia, *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.* National Archives Microfilm Publications, M1509. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1987-1988. (On FHL films beginning with 1556940.)

To find an individual's draft card, it helps to know his name and residence at the time of registration. The cards are arranged alphabetically by county, within the county by draft board, and then alphabetically by surname within each draft board.

Most counties had only one board; large cities had several. A map showing the boundaries of individual draft boards is available for most large cities. Finding an ancestor's street address in a city directory will help you in using the draft board map. There is an alphabetical list of cities that are on the map. For a copy of this map see:

United States. Selective Service System. *List of World War One Draft Board Maps.* Washington, D.C.: National Archives. (FHL film 1498803.)

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Naturalizations were primarily recorded in local superior, district, or city court minutes. Most of these documents are preserved on microfilm at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The Family History Library has copies of a few of these records. From Savannah and Chatham County, for

example, the library has files of the Savannah City Court (1904-1906), and the superior court (1801-1910), and a combined index (1792-1908). The records include aliens' declarations, registers of citizenship, petitions, minors' papers, affidavits, and court orders.

Federal court naturalizations are discussed in Marion Hemperley, "Federal Naturalization Oaths: Savannah Georgia, 1790-1860," in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, vol. 51, no. 4 (1967): pp. 454-87.

For naturalization papers filed after 1906, contact the National Archives—Southeast Region (Atlanta) or a federal office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Archives Branch has records of the U.S. District Court (1906-1948) and the U.S. Circuit Court (1903-6).

NEWSPAPERS

The first Georgia newspaper was the *Georgia Gazette* published in Savannah beginning in 1763. The Family History Library has very few newspapers for the state. The library has a collection of Savannah papers, 1793 to 1880, and a number of published indexes of newspaper obituaries and marriage announcements. A typical book of newspaper abstracts is Mary McKeown Overby, *Obituaries Published by "The Christian Index," 1822-1899* (Macon, Ga.: Georgia Baptist Historical Society, 1975, 1982; FHL book 975.8 V4o).

The Family History Library, the Georgia Department of Archives and History, and the Georgia Historical Society have an every-name index of Savannah newspapers from 1836 to 1845 (FHL films 228710-822). An index to deaths and marriages from 1763 to 1845 is also available (FHL films 1617971–). The Georgia Department of Archives and History is preparing similar indexes for some Augusta and Milledgeville newspapers.

The library also has a film copy of the vital records card file at the Jacksonville Florida Family History Center (FHL films 1204579-806 and 1292511). This file has names found in newspapers of North Florida and South Georgia for the years 1895 to 1945.

A guide to the extensive collections of newspapers at the libraries of the University of Georgia is *Georgia Newspapers on Microfilm at the UGA Libraries* (N.p.: 1978; FHL book Q 975.8 A5g; film 1421709 item 3).

PERIODICALS

The major genealogical periodicals and magazines helpful for Georgia research are:

Georgia Genealogical Magazine. 1961—. Published by La Bruce Lucas, 375 W. Broad St., P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267. (FHL book 975.8 B2gg.) This has a cumulative index to 1972.

Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly, 1964—. Published by the Georgia Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 54575, Atlanta, GA 30308-0575. (FHL book 975.8 B2ga; film 1730168, index vols. 1-16, 1964-1980.)

Georgia Genealogist. 1969-85. Published by Heritage Papers, Danielsville, GA. (FHL book 975.8 B2ge.) The first volume has an excellent review of research methods for Georgia genealogy.

Georgia Pioneers Genealogical Magazine. 1964-1987. Published by the Georgia Pioneers Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1028, Albany, GA 31702. (FHL book 975.8 B2gp; vols. 1-10, 12-15, 18-20 on film 1206459.)

Huxford Genealogical Society Quarterly. 1974—. Published by the Huxford Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 595, Homerville, GA 31634. (FHL book 975.8 D25h; films 1320531 item 4 (vol. 2); 1320528 (vol. 3); 1320511 item 10 (index to vol. 1); 1320535 item 3 (index to vols. 2-4).

Northwest Georgia Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly 1976—. Published by the Northwest Georgia Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly, P.O. Box 2484, Rome, GA 30161. (FHL book 975.8 H25r.)

PROBATE RECORDS

The colonial courts—described in the section on "Court Records" in this outline—kept some early probate records. From 1777 to 1798 and since 1852, the court of ordinary or register of probates in each county has kept probate and guardianship records. The inferior court handled probate and guardianship matters from 1798 to 1852.

Many probate records to the 1930s and 1940s are at the Georgia Department of Archives and History and the Family History Library on microfilm. The Family History Library, for example, has probate records from Fulton County that include letters of administration, guardianship, executors, inventories and appraisements, bonds, 12-months support, minutes, annual returns and vouchers, bills of sale, and wills. These are generally from the years 1829 to 1930.

Important published indexes of probate records include:

Index to Probate Records of Colonial Georgia, 1733-1778. Atlanta: R.J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation, 1983. (FHL book 975.8 P2i.)

Abstracts of Colonial Wills of the State of Georgia, 1733-1777. Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Co., 1981. (FHL book 975.8 P2a 1981.)

Brooke, Ted O. *In the Name of God, Amen: Georgia Wills, 1733-1860: An Index of Testators to Wills.* Atlanta: Pilgrim Press, 1976. (FHL book 975.8 P2b; film 1036842.)

TAXATION

Taxes were levied on free white males over 21 and slaves aged 21 to 60. These persons are referred to as "polls." Tax listings, or digests, of a county generally list the taxable landowners and other polls and the amount of tax. The records in each county are divided by militia district.

Tax digests for the years 1787 to 1899 for many counties are on microfilm at the Family History Library. Many originals are at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. A list of the tax digests, 1787 to 1899, is on FHL film 007023.

Tax digests for 10 counties are found in Ruth Blair, *Tax Digests of Georgia of Various Counties 1790-1818,* (1926; reprint, Vidalia, Ga.: Genealogical Reprints, 1971; FHL book 975.8 R4g 1971; original edition on film 006997 and fiche 6046883).

Additional tax lists are in *An Index to Georgia Tax Digests,* 5 vols. (Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Co., 1986; FHL book 975.8 R42i). This includes the records for 1789 to 1817 and is fully indexed.

VITAL RECORDS

Birth and Death Records

Statewide registration of births and deaths began in 1919 and was generally complied with by 1928 for births and by 1922 for deaths. Birth records are available only to the individual or his legal representative. Birth and death records can be obtained by writing to:

Georgia Department of Human Resources
Vital Records Unit
47 Trinity Avenue, S.W., Room 217-H
Atlanta, GA 30334-1201

The current fees for obtaining copies of the state's records are listed in *Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces* (Hyattsville, Md.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, March 1993, FHL book 973 V24wv). Copies of this booklet are at the Family History Library and many Family History Centers. You can also write to the Vital Records Unit for current information.

Another helpful source is *Guide to Public Vital Statistics Records in Georgia* (Atlanta: Historical Records Survey, 1941; FHL book 975.8 V23h; film 1036517 item 4).

- *Atlanta* birth records since 1887 and death records since 1896 are available from:

  Fulton County Health Department
  99 Butler Street S.E.
  Atlanta, GA 30303

- *Savannah* birth records from 1890 to the present and death records from 1803 to 1947 are available from:

  Chatham County Health Department
  P.O. Box 14257
  Savannah, GA 31406

- *Macon* birth records since 1891 and death records since 1882 are available from:

  Bibb County Health Department
  770 Hemlock Street
  Macon, GA 31201

A few counties started recording vital events in the post-Civil War era. The Family History Library has microfilmed some county birth, death, and delayed birth registrations.

Marriage Records

Marriage records are kept by the individual counties. Records often date back to the time of county organization. By 1805 licenses were often granted by a court of ordinary in the county where the bride resided, or marriage banns were published at a nearby church. You can write to the clerk of the court of ordinary for copies.

Many county marriage records dated prior to 1900 are at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of marriage records for some counties up to the early 1900s. From the court of ordinary of Chatham County, for example, the library has:

- Marriage records, 1830 to 1902, and an index, 1806 to 1950 (22 microfilms)
- License stubs, 1888 to 1901 (11 films)
- Marriage records and index, 1805 to 1866 (5 films)
- Licenses, 1805 to 1866 (6 films)

Over 100,000 early Georgia marriages have also been published in:

Maddox, Joseph T., and Mary Carter. *37,000 Early Georgia Marriages.* N.p., 1975. (FHL book 975.8 V2m; film 928351 item 3; fiche 6046751.) Covers 29 counties; names are from *Georgia Pioneers* magazine.

Maddox, Joseph T., and Mary Carter. *40,000 Early Georgia Marriages.* N.p., 1976. (FHL book 975.8 V2me; film 982486 item 2; fiche 6051217.) Covers 21 counties.

Maddox, Joseph T. *Early Georgia Marriage Roundup.* Irwinton, Ga.: J. Maddox, 1980. (FHL book 975.8 V2mj 1980; 1976 ed. on film 1036679 item 3; fiche 6049619.) Covers 18 counties.

Maddox, Joseph T. *Early Georgia Marriages.* Irwinton, Ga.: J. Maddox, 1981. (FHL book 975.8 V2eg vol. 4; film 1033953 item 2.)

Divorce Records

The county superior courts have had jurisdiction over divorce proceedings and records. Divorces in Georgia were allowed as early as 1793 but had to be approved by the state legislature until 1832. Information about these approvals can be found in the Name File Index at the Georgia Department of Archives and History.

VOTING RECORDS

In 1867 a voter registration list was made. It included naturalization information about foreign-born men. This and other registers are preserved at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. Registers of some counties from the 1870s to the 1920s are on microfilm at the Family History Library.

FOR FURTHER READING

These handbooks give more detailed information about research and records of Georgia:

Adams, Marilyn. *Georgia Local and Family History Sources in Print.* Clarkston, Ga.: Heritage Research, 1982. (FHL book 975.8 D23a.)

Davis, Robert Scott, Jr. *Research in Georgia.* Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1981. (FHL book 975.8 D27d.)

Dorsey, James E., comp., *Georgia Genealogy and Local History: A Bibliography.* Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Co., 1983. (FHL book 975.8 D23d.)

Eichholz, Alice, ed. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources.* Rev. ed. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992. (FHL book 973 D27rb 1992; computer number 594021.) Contains bibliographies and background information on history and ethnic groups. Also contains maps and tables showing when each county was created.

Schweitzer, George K. *Georgia Genealogical Research.* Knoxville: G. Schweitzer, 1987. (FHL book 975.8 D27s.)

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